

GREATEST BATTLESHIP AFLOAT IS CHRISTENED THE UTAH

Fair Daughter of Utah

Latest Addition to Uncle Sam's Navy

A Similar Scene.



MISS MARY ALICE SPRY.
Who Gracefully Christened the Great Battleship Utah Yesterday at
Camden, N. J.

TERROR OF THE SEA SLIDES FROM WAYS

(Special to The Herald-Republican.)
CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 23.—"I christen thee Utah,"

In a clear and musical voice spoke out Miss Mary Alice Spry, as the world's greatest death-dealing monster slid from its ways and gracefully glided into its watery home.

"I christen thee Utah," echoed the vast concourse of assembled guests, and as the reverberations died away the workmen, who for months had toiled to build the mighty vessel, bowed their heads in awed silence, and suddenly, as would a victorious army, their husky voices shouted back: "CHRISTEN THEE UTAH."

Hardly had their voices stilled than the shrill shrieks of hundreds of whistles of shop and craft took up the wave of salutation, and as the monster Utah settled peacefully the vast assemblage waved the Stars and Stripes and joined in creating a din of noise never before heard upon the shores of old Delaware.

It was an imposing ceremony and an impressive scene. A master pen could not portray the feeling nor draw a sketch of the animated throng that would do justice to the occasion. The most formidable of any fighting craft in the world had been started on its mission. Was it to bring peace or create havoc?

America's dreadnought, the Battleship Utah, with a displacement of 21,825 tons, an estimated speed of twenty-one knots, and a broadside that can hurl thousands of tons of steel every time her guns are fired, was launched today at the Camden yards, where she was built in the record time of nine months and eight days.

Christened by Miss Spry.
Miss Mary Alice Spry, daughter of Utah's governor, christened the mightiest fighter. A host of notable guests, including the executives of three states, scores of senators, representatives, government officials and naval officers saw the leviathan glide smoothly down the giant ways on which she had rested and plunge gracefully into the element on which she is to float, a thing of menace to enemies of "Uncle Sam."

Standing upon a platform betwixt with American flags, stood Miss Spry, the fair daughter of Utah. In her hand she held a beribboned bottle of champagne. One hundred feet below her the sturdy workmen were hammering away at the shoring. This done, then the hydraulic rams were called into play and as the giant of giants began to move along its ways, Superintendent Swan cried to Miss Spry, "Strike."

She needed no second warning, but raised aloft her right arm and as it descended the beribboned bottle flew from her grasp, catching the vessel squarely on the cheek. There was strength behind the blow, and the glass flew into a thousand particles, and bathed the bright red prow of the battleship in a foam and likewise sprinkled the gayly dressed women and their escorts who were standing below. Miss Spry's voice did not falter and

COMMITTEE CONSIDERING TAX ON BANK CIRCULATION

President Taft, Secretary MacVeagh and Senator Aldrich Hold a Conference.

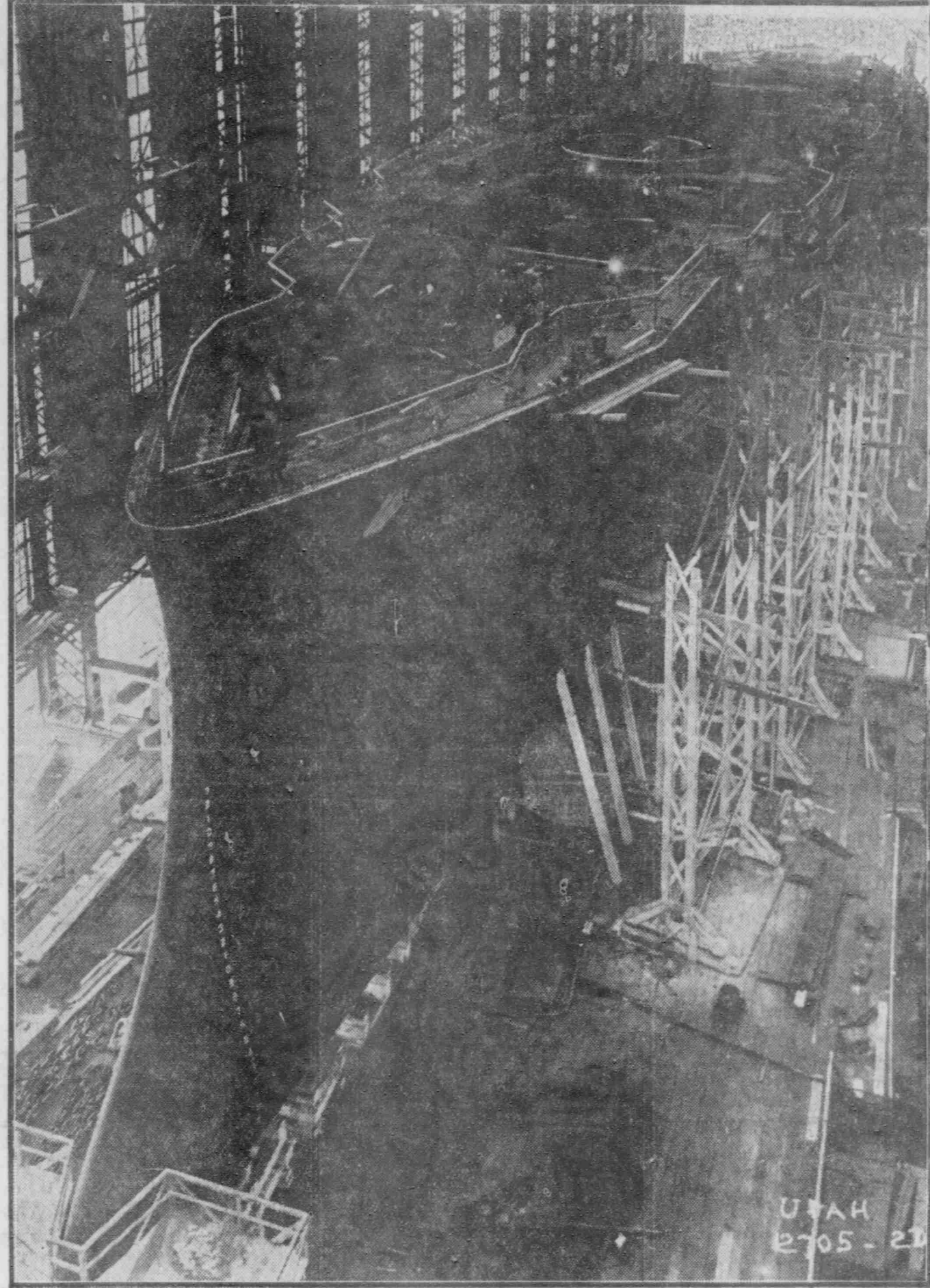
Washington, Dec. 23.—Preliminary action looking to the consideration of Secretary MacVeagh's recommendations for a graduated tax on national bank circulation, secured by deposit of United States bonds, has been taken by the banking and currency committee.

At the request of Chairman Vreeland, Secretary MacVeagh has prepared amendments necessary in the event that the committee decides to act favorably.

These amendments contemplate making the 3 per cent bonds authorized by the Payne tariff law for expenses of canal construction, payable in gold coin, and giving authorization for the appropriation incident to the issue of any bonds.

It was the consideration of these amendments and a general discussion of the question of the issue of Panama bonds that occupied the conference at the White House yesterday between President Taft, Secretary MacVeagh and Senator Aldrich. Nothing final was determined. There was a desire to talk over

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The Battleship Utah as She Appeared on the Ways.

KNOX SENDS A WARNING

LITTLE GIRL A BOLD THIEF

Annie Pavlinski, 8 Years Old, a St. Louis Product, Giving Authorities Much Trouble.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—An eight-year-old girl is being held by the police as the "baby shop lifter."

She is Annie Pavlinski, and has been arrested three times for theft. She spent two weeks in the industrial school and escaped, has run away from home dozens of times, and makes a practice of slipping out of bed after her family is asleep and pilfering money from her father and her big brother, Tony.

She was found asleep in a hallway, scantily clad and was blue with cold. A policeman took her to the police station, where it was learned she had run away from home Tuesday after rifling her brother's pockets of \$1.50.

Annie's first exploit was robbing a notion store of 60 cents' worth of toys. She was arrested, but the proprietor refused to prosecute.

Two weeks later, on July 23, she entered a grocery store, concealed herself under a counter and stole \$3 from the grocer's till. Her investments in candy and tops caused suspicion; she was arrested again and sentenced to the industrial school.

Fourteen days later, she reappeared at home, having escaped.

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NOT ALLOWED TO WORK.

Butte Unions Exert Pressure Upon Brotherhood of Trainmen.

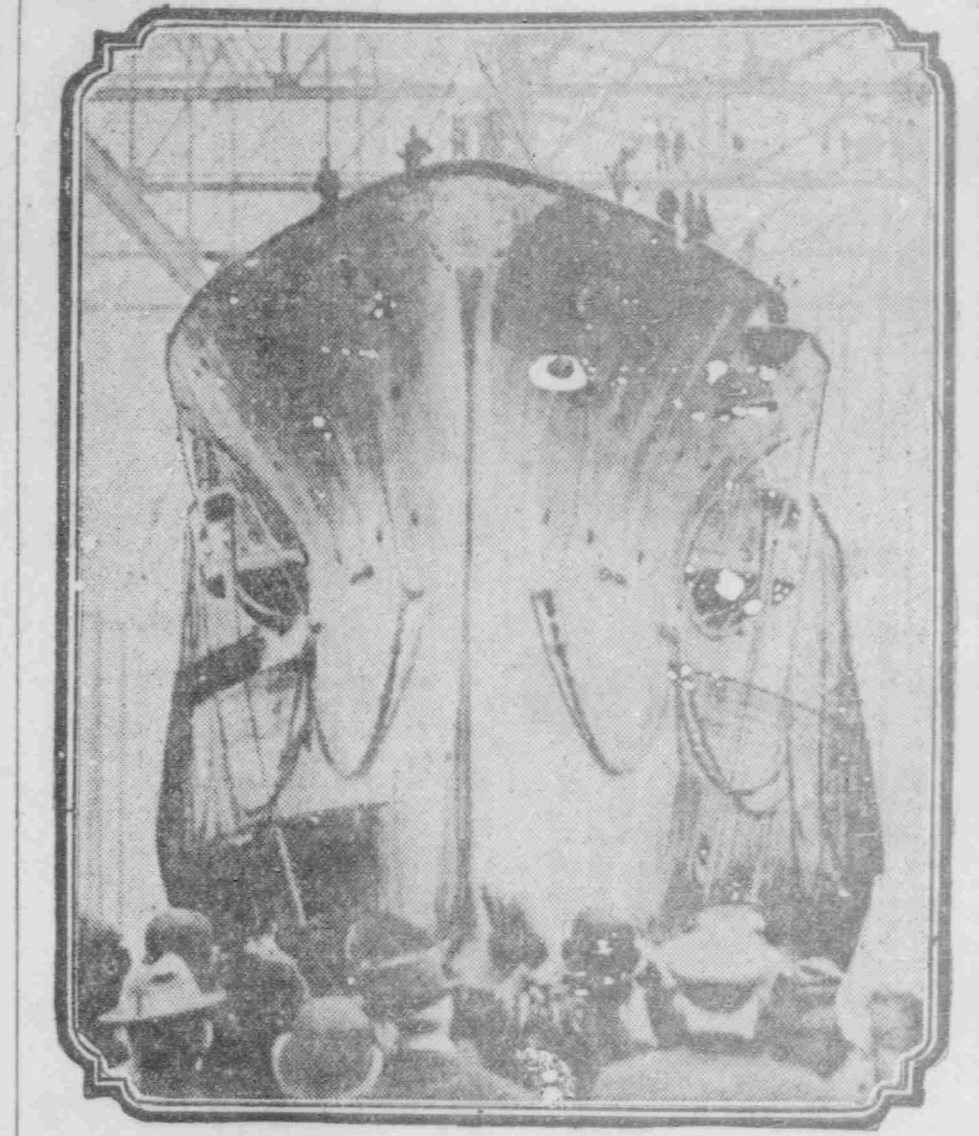
Butte, Dec. 23.—All those switchmen who are members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and who, in consequence of the order from National Vice President McIntyre of their order, returned to work here a week since, are again out, local labor union committees, among them men from the Miners' union, having formally notified the men that they would not be permitted to work in the Butte yards while the switchmen's strike continues. The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen are not in the least concerned in the strike and, in the face of McIntyre's order to return, will lose their strike benefits. But, in view of public sentiment, they fear to return. Several mines closed last night, throwing hundreds out of work and traffic in the freight yards is at a standstill.

FATE OF CREW UNKNOWN.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—Mystery veils the fate of fourteen men composing the crew of the four-masted schooner Susie M. Plummer, which is drifting, abandoned, in the ocean south of Cape Flattery, a menace to navigation. It is supposed the crew was taken off by a passing vessel. The Plummer was carrying lumber from Everett to California.

TRAGEDY IN MONTANA.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 23.—Harry Rogers, a prominent Teton county ranchman, shot and killed Don Correll, a Mexican who threatened Rogers' life when Rogers refused to dance at the command of Correll.



Scene at launching recently of the battleship North Dakota, a terror of the deep built much along the lines of the Utah.

EIGHT MEN KILLED IN MINE DISASTER

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Eight men were killed and the lives of 400 others were imperiled by an explosion of gas in mine "A," of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal company at Herrin, Ill., late today.

Open lamps carried by the mine engineer and his assistants caused the accident, according to a long distance telephone message from the mine to the Associated Press. There were three men and a boy in this party. All lost their lives.

Prompt action by the management resulted in the safe exit of the hundreds of men at work below ground. Within five minutes of the first reports of the explosion miners in the immediate vicinity of the accident were started toward the surface and on the return trips of the cages, rescuers were lowered to entries No. 7 and No. 8, west of where the catastrophe took place. Among the dead were: Eugene Barrett, assistant engineer, and Thomas Williams, assistant manager.

Work of Rescue.

Thomas Guiney, superintendent of the mine, and Robert Huston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers.

Despite the black damp that flowed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men plunged into the workings.

Three bodies blocked their path. Hasty examination showed that the men were alive, and they were rushed to the surface. One was A. J. Huston, a brother of the manager. The others, Charles Klein and Albert Shelton, were, with Huston, revived, and all are expected to recover from the effects of the gas.

The rescuers next found the bodies of Sydney, Greece and Homer, miners. None of these men had been burned, the condition of the corpses testifying to the force of the concussion.

The body of Harbor, a miner, was badly burned, the features being scorched almost beyond recognition.

Efforts of the rescuers to penetrate more deeply into the workings were repulsed by increasing afterdamp. The continuing apparatus of the mine had not been damaged, but it could not cope successfully with the gases and Guiney and Huston and their helpers were forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and his companions.

Fire also began to gain headway, and it is not expected that the bodies can be recovered before tomorrow. Tonight all efforts are being directed toward fighting the flames. Conditions are such that it is hoped they will be confined to the two entries affected by the explosion.

News of the disaster spread through Herrin, and there was a rush of women and children to the shaft house.

But as the cage emptied load after load of rescued miners, sobs of anguish gave way to cries of joy. These in turn were soon hushed to murmurs of sympathy as the bodies of the dead were brought to the surface.

Damage As Yet Unknown.

Immediately after the explosion, State Mine Inspector Little of Carbondale, was notified and he arrived a few hours later and is overseeing the work of the fire fighters.

The damage to the mine cannot yet be accurately estimated. The colliery is one of the oldest in this section and has had few accidents. The mine is under the active management of J. B. Peters of Carbondale, vice president of the Chicago & Cartersville Coal company. The president of the concern is J. L. Bease of Chicago.

Mine officials tonight were unable to account for the seeming lack of caution in using unprotected lamps. They point out, however, that gas was not known to exist in the west entries, and it is believed that the engineer's party stumbled into a recently-formed pocket.

KANSAS JAIL RAIDED;
MUCH LIQUOR TAKEN

Galena, Kan., Dec. 23.—A wagon load of beer, whisky and other liquors, seized in a raid on the club rooms of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, was stolen from the city jail early today. The liquor had been locked up and was to have been used as evidence. But two empty beer kegs and an empty whisky barrel were left in the jail. These were empty when the place was locked up, however, so the police know the whisky was not drunk in the jail at least. Nobody could be found today who would admit he had the slightest idea where the missing "booze" is.

MARRIED LIFE OF BROKAW'S ANYTHING BUT LOVE-DREAM

Husband Tells His Story and Accuses the Wife of Various Lapses.

New York, Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw, whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of \$80,000 a year, took the stand in his own defense today. He said that his father-in-law, Joseph A. Blair, had threatened to kill him because he loved his wife too much. When he told Mrs. Brokaw of this, she laughed and said: "Don't mind father, Billy; he's crazy."

Mrs. Brokaw described the night when his wife took poison. In minute detail his lawyer led him through the two years of their married life, with painstaking attention to charges of drunkenness, cruelty and abusive language brought against him in the testimony of his wife.

Brokaw made a good witness. His attitude was easy, and his answers were ready and firm. Occasionally he peered daintily through a lorgnette in examining papers submitted to him.

Mrs. Brokaw was a shy pale and muffled in furs. Her head tossed scornfully when her husband's testimony contradicted her own, and she

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